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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN TO HOST IRAQ TRADE SHOW IN MARCH

¶1. Bahrain's Ministry of Industry and Commerce, in cooperation with Iraq's Ministry of Trade, will sponsor the first "Gulf Iraqi Expo 2007" in Manama, Bahrain March 24-26, 2007, at the Bahrain International Exhibition Center. The event will feature an exhibition, conference, and sector-specific meetings organized by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for business participants, all focusing on business opportunities in Iraq.

¶2. The Embassy received a diplomatic note dated January 7, 2007, from the Iraqi Embassy in Bahrain requesting our cooperation in promoting the event and inviting American companies in the region to participate. We have alerted AmCham Bahrain about the show and it is advising its membership of the opportunity. Embassy believes promotion of this event by other Embassies in the region, particularly in the Gulf, would help make it a success.

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